IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	§	
TRACEY A. CAVATO	§	Confirmation No.: **5924**
TIMOTHY R. COOMBE	§	
SCOTT C. JOHNSON	§	Group Art Unit: **1638**
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Serial No.: **10/523,290**	§	Examiner: **Anne R. Kubelik**
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Filed: **October 19, 2005**	§	Atty. Dkt. No.: **11899.0262.PCUS00**
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For: **Corn Event PV-ZMIR13 (MON863) Plants and Compositions and Methods for Detection Thereof**	§	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FOR
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Sir:

Applicants submit the following preliminary amendment prior to the examination. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

This RCE is filed in lieu of an Appeal Brief further to the Notice of Appeal that was filed on April 11, 2008. An appeal brief was due June 11, 2008, which was within two months from the date of filing the notice of appeal. Applicants herewith petition for a 5-month extension of time under the provision of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), which would extend the time period for reply up to November 11, 2008. The petition for extension of time is filed herewith.